

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 2372, Private Property Rights Implementation Act of 2000.

House Committees ordered reported 16 sundry measures.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session today. It will next meet on Monday, March 20, 2000, at 12 noon.

### Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 35 public bills, H.R. 3998–4032; 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 91; H. Con. Res. 286–288, and H. Res. 443 were introduced. **Pages H1118–19**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

Report of the Committee on Commerce on the Congressional Proceedings against Dr. Miles Jones for failure to appear pursuant to a duly authorized subpoena (H. Rept. 106–527). **Page H1118**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, the Right Reverend M. Thomas Shaw, III, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts. **Page H1079**

**Private Property Rights Implementation Act of 2000:** The House passed H.R. 2372, to simplify and expedite access to the Federal courts for injured parties whose rights and privileges, secured by the United States Constitution, have been deprived by final actions of Federal agencies, or other government officials or entities acting under color of State law; to prevent Federal courts from abstaining from exercising Federal jurisdiction in actions where no State law claim is alleged; to permit certification of unsettled State law questions that are essential to resolving Federal claims arising under the Constitution; and to clarify when government action is sufficiently final to ripen certain Federal claims arising under

the Constitution by a yea and nay vote of 226 yeas to 182 nays, Roll No. 55. **Pages H1089–H1114**

Rejected the Conyers amendment that sought to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report it back with an amendment that exempts claims dealing with actions to protect the public from prostitution or illegal drugs; control adult book stores and the distribution of pornography; protect against illegal ground water contamination, waste dumps, or similar environmental degradation; or that results from a voter initiative to control development by a recorded vote of 155 yeas to 254 noes, Roll No. 54. **Pages H1111–13**

Agreed to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, as amended, and made in order by the rule. **Page H1111**

Agreed To:

Trafficant amendment, as modified, that requires a Federal agency to notify property owners within thirty days of any action taken by the agency to limit the use of the property. **Pages H1101–02**

Rejected:

Watt of North Carolina amendment that sought to remove the bill's limitation to claims involving private property (rejected by a recorded vote of 170 yeas to 251 noes, Roll No. 52) and

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Boehlert amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to limit takings claims to those involving the Federal government (rejected by a recorded vote of 179 ayes to 234 noes, Roll No. 53).

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Earlier, agreed to H. Res. 441, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by a yea and nay vote of 276 yeas to 145 nays, Roll No. 51. Pursuant to the rule, the Committee on the Judiciary amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the bill was considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:32 and reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

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**Late Report:** The Committee on the Budget received permission to have until midnight on Monday, March 20 to file a privileged report to accompany a concurrent resolution on the budget.

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**Legislative Program:** The Majority Leader announced the Legislative Program for the week of March 20.

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**Meeting Hour—March 20:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 20.

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**Meeting Hour—March 21:** Agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, March 20, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 21, for morning-hour debate.

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**Private Calendar:** Agreed to dispense with the call of the Private Calendar on Tuesday, March 21.

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**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed to dispense with the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on March 22.

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**Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Mr. Steve Start of Spokane, Washington and Ms. Susan Webb of Phoenix, Arizona, to the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel.

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**Quorum Calls Votes:** Two yea and nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1088, H1101, H1111, H1112–13, and H1113–14. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, held a hearing on Chief Information Officer. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Joseph Leo, Chief Information Officer; and Pearlie S. Reed, Chairman, National Food and Agriculture Council.

### **COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary held a hearing on the Small Business Administration. Testimony was heard from Aida Alvarez, Administrator, SBA; and Louis J. Freeh, Director, FBI, Department of Justice.

### **DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session to hold a hearing on Ballistic Missile Defense. Testimony was heard from Lt. Gen. Ronald T. Kadish, USAF, Director, Ballistic Missile Defense, Department of Defense.

### **ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on Department of Energy—Energy Resources and Science. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: James Decker, Acting Director, Office of Science; Dan W. Reicher, Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; and William D. Magwood, Director, Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology.

### **INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on the Geological Survey. Testimony was heard from Charles G. Groat, Director, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior.

### **LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on Howard University, Gallaudet University, Special Institutions for the Disabled, and Special Education and Rehabilitative Services. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Education: H. Patrick Swygert, President, Howard University; I. King Jordan, President, Gallaudet University; Judith E. Heumann, Assistant